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15 FAM 810 SCOPE, AUTHORITY, AND GENERAL POLICIES 15 FAM 820 IMMEDIATE ACTIONS FOLLOWING INCIDENTS AFFECTING U.S. GOVERNMENT-OCCUPIED PROPERTY ABROAD 15 FAM 830 FIRE EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS 15 FAM 840 PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES FOR FIRE EQUIPMENT

Changes

1. OBO has revised 15 FAM 800, Real Property Disposal Abroad, to comply with OMB's A-11 standards for leases. These changes are from an OIG report titled, "Audit of U.S. Department of State Use of Short-Term Leases Overseas." The terms, Operating Lease and Capital Lease, have replaced Short-Term Lease and Long-Term Lease in the FAM. In addition, there are plain-language changes and other edits throughout. These changes are in all of the subchapters listed above.
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